

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1-11 (Canceled)

12. (New) A method for producing open-knit fabric with machines for knitting articles provided with a plurality of needles, the method consisting
 5 in producing in succession rows of knitting by way of the plurality of needles of the machine that is used, in performing openwork constituted by holes, each of which is provided by way of a group of needles in which a first needle, after taking part in a formation of a first row of knitting, is freed from a loop of said first row of knitting by transferring said loop to a second
 10 needle that is contiguous to said first needle, said first needle being actuated so as to resume knitting, and in forming a new loop of a second row of knitting that is subsequent to said first row.

13. (New) The method according to claim 12, comprising actuation of said first needle to resume knitting during the formation of a second row of
 15 knitting that directly follows said first row of knitting.

14. (New) The method according to claim 12, comprising exclusion of said first needle, in the formation of a second row of knitting that directly follows said first row of knitting, from knitting in order to form a bridge at said first needle and actuation thereof so as to resume knitting for formation
 20 of a third row of knitting that follows said second row of knitting.

15. (New) The method according to claim 13, comprising during said actuation step, wherein said first needle is actuated to resume knitting after transfer of the loop, actuation of the first needle so as to form at least one tuck stitch.

25 16. (New) The method according to claim 14, comprising exclusion of said first needle, in a formation of at least one second row of knitting that directly follows said first row, from knitting to form a bridge at said first needle, and transfer of the loop that is formed by said second needle and belongs to said second row of knitting to a third needle that is
 30 contiguous to said second needle, freeing of said second needle as well, said

first needle and said second needle being actuated to resume knitting in a formation of a third row of knitting that follows said second row of knitting.

17. (New) The method according to claim 14, comprising exclusion
5 of said first needle, in the formation of at least one second row of knitting that directly follows said first row of knitting, from knitting so as to form a bridle at said first needle, and transfer of the loop that is formed by said second needle and belongs to said second row of knitting to a third needle that is contiguous to said second needle, freeing of said second needle as
10 well, and repeating operation for transferring a loop to a needle that is contiguous to the one that received the loop of the preceding row for a preset number of rows, freeing in each instance a needle, while the needles freed by the transfer of the loop in a preceding row are excluded from knitting during a formation of a preset number of rows of knitting, the
15 needles excluded from the knitting of said preset number of rows resuming knitting by formation a new row of knitting after said preset number of rows of knitting.

18. (New) The method according to claim 17, comprising actuation, when knitting with needles freed by the transfer of the loop resumes, of at
20 least one of said freed needles to form a tuck stitch.

19. (New) The method according to claim 17, comprising actuation of the needles freed by the transfer of the loop to resume knitting by forming new loops in the formation of successive different rows of knitting.

20. (New) The method according to claim 17, comprising knitting of
25 regions adjacent to said holes with plain stitches.

21. (New) The method according to claim 12 performed with a machine that allows to transfer a loop from one needle to a contiguous needle.

22. (New) An open-knit article obtained according to the method of
30 claim 12.